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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties; Tattoo Facilities

FROM: Dennis Gibbs, Director
Division of Health Licensing

SUBJECT: Required Training For Tattoo Artists

There have been inquiries regarding providers of required training to tattoo artists and compliance to the standards pertaining to the training. Section 602.A.1 of Regulation 61-111, *Standards for Licensing Tattoo Facilities*, requires that "Prior to performing tattoo procedures, tattoo artists shall have the following training as approved by the Department: 1. Bloodborne pathogens, and annually thereafter; 2. Tattooing infection control, and annually thereafter; 3. Current certifications in: a. Adult CPR (American Red Cross or the American Heart Association); and b. American Red Cross First Aid."

If the scope and content of a bloodborne pathogen or an infection control training course meets the intent of the standards, it may be considered for approval by the Department. Currently, only the bloodborne pathogen and infection control courses listed below have been approved by the Department:

A. Bloodborne Pathogens Courses

1. Health Educators, Inc. - Bloodborne Pathogens Training
2. State (S.C.) Technical College System - Bloodborne Pathogens Training
3. American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) - Bloodborne Pathogens Training

B. Infection Control Courses

1. Health Educators, Inc. - Infection Control Training
2. State (S.C.) Technical College System - Infection Control Training

If the scope and content of an adult CPR or a first aid training course is equivalent to that offered by the American Heart Association (CPR) or the American Red Cross (CPR, first aid), training from that course (as evidenced by certificate) which is approved by the Department, will meet the intent of the standards and is acceptable in lieu of American Heart Association CPR, American Red Cross First Aid, or American Red Cross CPR Training. Currently, in addition to those courses identified in the regulation, only the courses listed below have been approved by the Department:

A. Adult CPR Courses

1. State (S.C.) Technical College System Adult CPR Course
2. American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) Adult CPR Course
3. National Safety Council Adult CPR Course

B. First Aid Training Courses

1. American Heart Association First Aid Training
2. State (S.C.) Technical College System First Aid Training
3. American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) First Aid Training

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This exception for alternate sources of training for Adult CPR and First Aid applies to any tattoo facility licensed by the Department and relates solely to SC licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions, please call Joe Gatten at (803) 545-4370.

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